GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:11
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ACCELERATION IN AGRICULTURE GROWTH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have prepared a project report costing $239.7 million aimed at accelerating agriculture growth by reforming country`s agriculture technology development and its dissemination;

(b) if so, whether any concrete details of this project report have been prepared;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the World Bank and the other international development associations have agreed to provide loans and assistance in implementing this project; and

(e) if so, the time by which the project is likely to start?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e) Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Department of Agriculture & Cooperation under the Ministry of Agriculture are implementing National Agricultural Technology Project w.e.f. 20.11.1998 for a period of 5 years. The total cost of the project (revised) is US $200 million which is equivalent to Rs. 950 crores. The main objectives of the project are to re-vitalize technology generation, assessment, refinement and dissemination system in NARS (National Agricultural Research System), address location specific production problems through a holistic, integrated and participatory approach. The revised funding break-up is as per Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

Funding Source	Approx. Project cost amount (US$ in million)		Approx. Project cost amount (INR in crores)	
	Original	Revised	Original	Revised
1. IDA Credit	100.00	100.00	359.32	475.00
2. IBRD Loan	96.80	66.80	347.83	317.30
3. Govt. of India Contribution	42.90	33.20	154.15	157.70
otal	239.70	200.00	861.30	950.00